

Sandy Blues ousted Lance's Ladies still alive in own tourney

The Canby Kits and the Aloha Aces remain the only unbeaten teams at an invitational softball tournament hosted by Lance's Ladies of Sandy.

Lance's Ladies stayed alive in the tournament by edging the Hillsboro Diamonddetters Friday night, 4-3. The Sandy Blues have been eliminated from the competition.

Rain postponed the final rounds of the tournament last Sunday. Games have been rescheduled for this weekend at the Boring Grade School.

In the first round of action, Lance's Ladies edged Hillsboro; the Canby Kits trounced the Sandy Blues 11-2; the Aloha Aces topped Medford 15-9 and the Lake

Oswego team demolished Seaside 32-6.

In second round action, Hillsboro ripped the Sandy Blues 12-2; Medford clobbered Seaside 23-10; Aloha dumped Lake Oswego 17-7 and Canby shut out Lance's Ladies 17-0.

The Sandy Blues and Seaside have been eliminated from the tournament. Seaside came out on the short end a couple of lopsided scores, but for a reason, according to Lani Staab, statistician for Lance's Ladies.

"Seaside didn't have all of their players available, so they had to bring several of their younger players along," she said. "The others had some kind of pageant they had to attend."

Lance's Ladies will play in the consolation bracket Saturday at 9 a.m. against Hillsboro, while Lake Oswego tangles with Medford. Aloha will meet Canby at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The winners of Friday's two consolation games will meet Saturday. The winner of that contest will play the loser of the Aloha-Canby game Saturday afternoon in semifinal action. The winner of the Aloha-Canby game will automatically be in the finals.

The Medford team indicated that it might not be able to make its consolation game this Friday because of the traveling distance, in which case Lake Oswego would receive a bye.



COLLEEN FLACH concentrates on the opposing batter as she blows a rather large bubble during the tournament last

weekend. The bubble-blowing third baseman helped Lance's Ladies upend Hillsboro 4-3.



FAST PITCH softball is becoming quite popular for girls in the Sandy area. Lance's Ladies of Sandy hosted

this tournament at the Boring Grade School last week. Final games are scheduled for this Saturday.



SWING! Hits like this kept Lance's Ladies alive in their own tournament. The Sandy squad will play

Hillsboro Saturday in their quest to win the invitational.



HOME RUN! Debbie Rudisill rounds third base and heads for home after hitting a round tripper against the

Canby Kits Friday night. The homer wasn't enough though, as Canby dumped the Sandy Blues 11-2.



WHOOOPS! The Hillsboro shortstop made a slight misjudgement on an infield pop-up as Lance's Ladies dumped the

Diamonddetters Friday night by a 4-3 margin.

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